

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0065] An apparatus for supplying network services over fiber optic cable to a particular building includes a gas service pipe. The service pipe conveys gas between a gas main and a gas meter for the particular building. A flexible tube is disposed inside the service pipe. The tube is sealed at each end to an outside surface of the service pipe at a pressure fitting for providing access to the inside of the tube. A fiber optic cable is disposed through the inside of the flexible tube, with each end of the fiber optic cable outside the service pipe. Using techniques of the present invention, service pipes are employed to connect network cable to buildings across a paved street. The techniques avoid the costs and inconvenience associated with standard practices that involve cutting trenches across the streets.

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